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In re Application of :
Kevin Ellis, Christina Wodtke, Jennifer :
Crakow, and Qi Lu :
Application No. 10/783,862 :
Filed: February 20, 2004 :
Attorney Docket No. 694231/0090 JD/KCE :
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR :
PROVIDING AN IMPROVED GRAPHICAL :
USER INTERFACE FOR SEARCH :

DECISION ON SECOND RENEWED
PETITION

This is in response to the second renewed petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)¹, filed June 3, 2005.

On February 20, 2004, the application was deposited, identifying Kevin Ellis, Christina Wodtke, Jennifer Crakow, and Qi Lu as joint inventors. The application was deposited with an unexecuted declaration. On May 14, 2004, a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application – Filing Date Granted" (Notice) was mailed, indicating that an executed oath or declaration and a surcharge of \$130.00 were required. This Notice set a two-month period for reply.

The original petition was submitted on November 15, 2004 and was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on March 2, 2005, for failure to include an acceptable declaration.

¹A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) requires:

- (1) the petition fee of \$130;
- (2) a surcharge of either \$65 or \$130 if the petition is not filed at the time of filing the application, as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.16(e);
- (3) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventors;
- (4) either
 - a) proof that a copy of the entire application (specification, claims, drawings, and the oath or declaration) was sent or given to the non-signing inventor for review and proof that the non-signing inventor refuses to join in the application or
 - b) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be found or reached after diligent effort;
- (5) a declaration which complies with 37 CFR §1.63.

The renewed petition was submitted on May 2, 2005, and was dismissed via the mailing of a decision on May 23, 2005 as being unacceptable as it had not been signed.

With this second renewed petition, Petitioner has signed the petition. It is noted that the previous renewed petition contained a declaration which had been properly executed by joint inventors Ellis and Crakow.

The second renewed petition is **GRANTED** and this application is hereby accorded Rule §1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given on the declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225. All other inquiries concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.



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